



# Governor's Committee to End Homelessness

Homeless No More:

Putting All the Pieces Together

Department of Mental Health Spring Training Institute

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# National Alliance to End Homelessness

- ✿ 2000 - Developing a 10 year Plan to End Homelessness
- ✿ Prevention of Long-Term Homelessness
- ✿ 3.5 Million Homeless Nationally
- ✿ 250,000 Chronically Homeless
- ✿ St. Louis Area-16,000 Sheltered/Unsheltered
- ✿ St. Louis Area-13,000 Overcrowded



# National Alliance to End Homelessness

## ☀ Four Steps to Ending Homelessness

### ☀ Step 1: Plan for Outcomes

- Better Data Collection
- Focus on Outcomes



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## Step 2: Close the Front Door

- Shift Incentives to Prevention
- Prevent Homeless Episodes

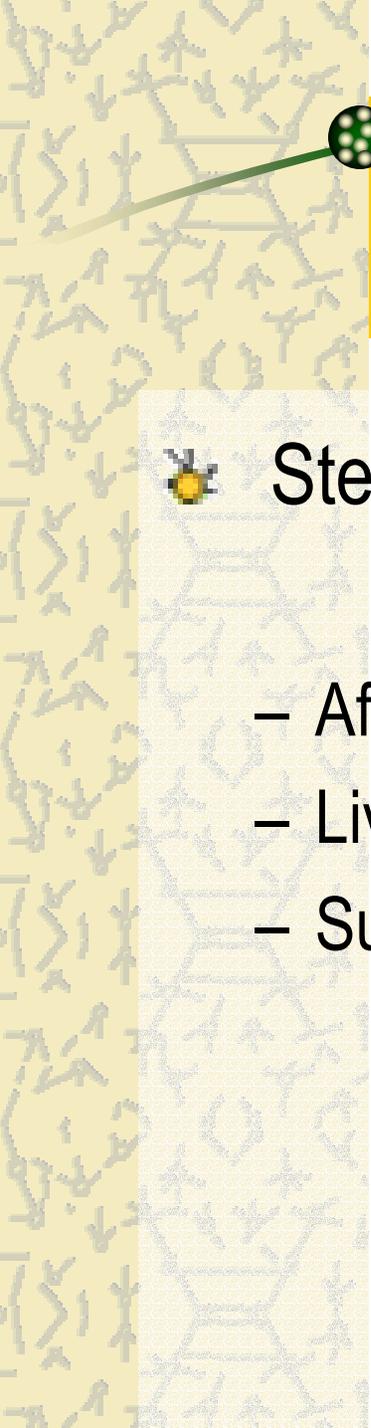


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## Step 3: Open the Back Door

- Housing First: People without Disabilities
- Permanent Supportive Housing: Chronically Homeless People



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## Step 4: Build the Infrastructure

- Affordable Housing
- Living Wage
- Supportive Services

# St. Louis Initiatives to End Homelessness



- ☀ Mayor's Conference on Homelessness
- ☀ Gathering Partners
- ☀ Developing 10 Year Plan
- ☀ More Affordable Housing
- ☀ Policy Academy

# HUD Philosophy

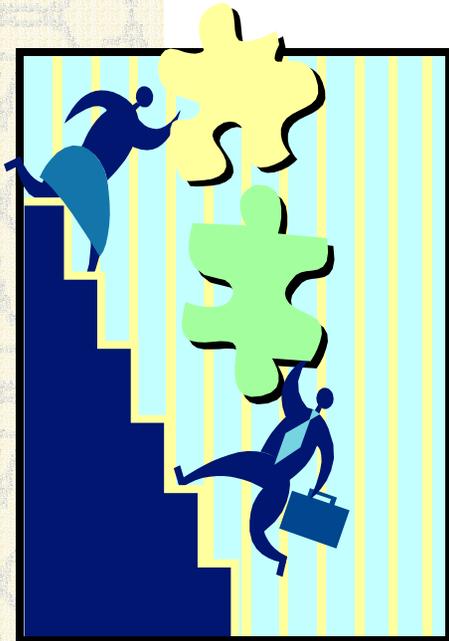
Most of the more than \$32 billion that HUD administers is provided directly to State and local governments and PHAs to address locally identified, priority housing and community development needs. HUD believes these resources should promote comprehensive, coordinated approaches to address community conditions. Housing assistance, public housing revitalization, economic development, and other community development strategies work best when jointly implemented at the local level.



# HUD Strategic Plan

HUD's Strategic Plan contains critical goals for the Department:

- Increase homeownership opportunities.
- Promote decent affordable housing
- Strengthen communities.
- Ensure equal opportunity in housing.
- Embrace high standards of ethics, management, and accountability.
- Promote participation of grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations.





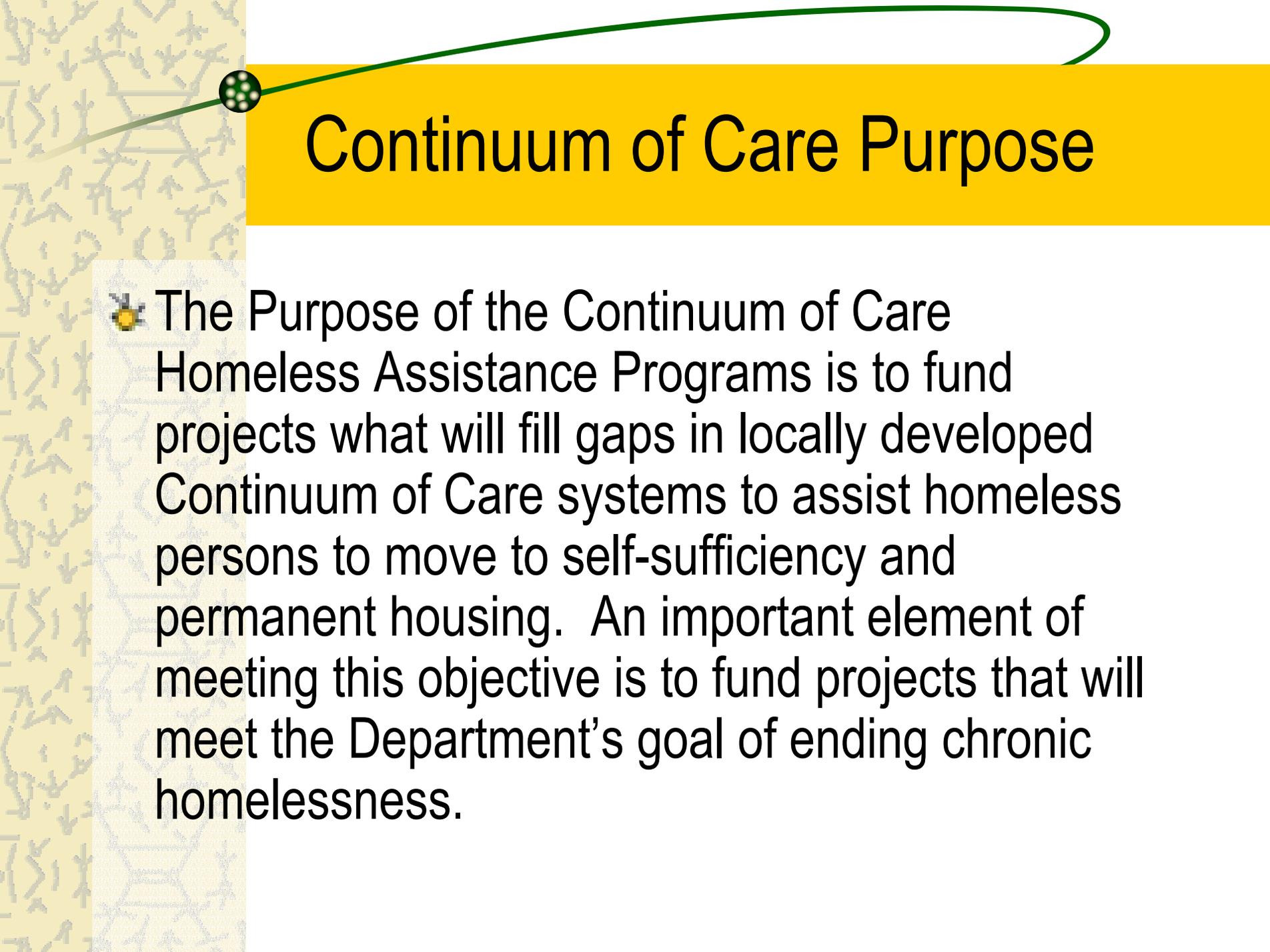
# HUD Policy Priorities

In addition, Secretary Mel Martinez has established several policy priorities for the Department. The rating plans in each NOFA encourage applicants to undertake specific activities that will assist the Department in achieving its strategic goals. HUD's policy priorities are:

- Provide increased homeownership and rental opportunities for low-and moderate-income persons, persons with disabilities, the elderly, minorities, and families with limited English proficiency.
- Improve our Nation's communities.
- Encourage accessible design features.
- Visitability in new construction and substantial rehabilitation
- Universal design.
- Provide full and equal access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations in HUD program implementation.
- Improve housing conditions for families living in the Colonias
- Increase participation of minority serving institutions in HUD programs.
- Promote energy efficiency in housing design and operations through participation in Energy Star.
- End chronic homelessness within 10 years.

# Key HUD Priority

- Secretary Martinez has established as a HUD priority the elimination of chronic homelessness in 10 years. Continuums, therefore, are strongly encouraged within the rating and ranking process to use the funds available in this NOFA to target the chronic homeless in their communities.



# Continuum of Care Purpose

- ✦ The Purpose of the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs is to fund projects that will fill gaps in locally developed Continuum of Care systems to assist homeless persons to move to self-sufficiency and permanent housing. An important element of meeting this objective is to fund projects that will meet the Department's goal of ending chronic homelessness.



# Who Is Homeless According to HUD?

**A person is considered homeless only when he/she resides in one of the places described below:**

In places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned buildings;

In an emergency shelter;

In transitional or supportive housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelter;

In any of the above places but is spending a short time (up to 30 consecutive days) in a hospital or other institution;

Is being evicted within a week from a private dwelling unit and no subsequent residence has been identified and the person lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain housing; or is being discharged within a week from an institution in which the person has been a resident for more than 30 consecutive days and no subsequent residence has been identified and he/she lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain housing.



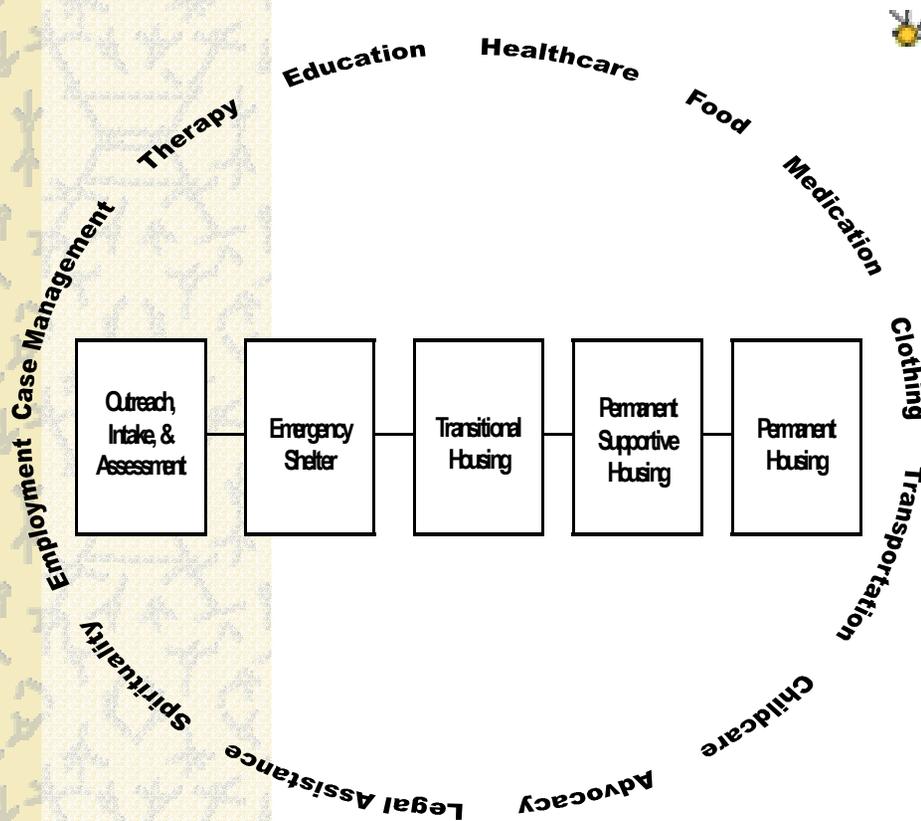
# Chronically Homeless?

## **Who does HUD consider to be chronically homeless?**

A chronically homeless person is an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. Disabling condition is defined as “a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, or chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of two or more of these conditions.” To be considered chronically homeless, persons must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets) or in an emergency homeless shelter during that time.



# Kansas City/Jackson County Continuum of Care



The Continuum of Care system is driven by the Homeless Services Coalition of Greater Kansas City which brings together organizations and individuals dedicated to creating opportunities for compassionate community responses to homelessness. This collaborative effort is supported by diverse organizations who are committed to creating and maintaining a Continuum that facilitates fluid movement through a system designed to respond to the complex needs of homeless individuals and families

# Collaboration in Kansas City Pulls the Pieces Together

## NAEH 10 Year Plan

- ✿ HSC is the driving force for the Kansas City/Jackson County 10 Year Plan.
- ✿ Pulling the CoC's together to Create a Regional Plan
  - Missouri
    - Jackson
    - Clay
    - Platte
  - Kansas
    - Johnson
    - Wyandotte



# Governor's Committee to End Homelessness

🌟 **Vision-** Homelessness is unacceptable in Missouri. Therefore, all individuals have safe, affordable housing in healthy communities with access to a network of supportive services.

- 🌟 **Our mission** is to end homelessness by:
- 🌟 Establishing strategies to promote public and private coordination and collaboration
- 🌟 Developing new strategies to evaluate and reallocate resources
- 🌟 Removing barriers to access
- 🌟 Meeting immediate support service and affordable housing needs
- 🌟 Implementing effective solutions to build economic security
- 🌟 Promoting and supporting activities that prevent homelessness

# HUD/HHS Policy Academy

## Objectives:

-  Assist state and local policymakers to develop an Action Plan to improve access to mainstream health and human services that are coordinated with housing for persons who are chronically homeless
-  To create relationships among the Governor's office, State Legislators, key program administrators and stakeholders from public and private sectors
-  To provide an environment conducive to the process of strategic decision-making



# Mainstream Resources

## FEDERAL

-  TANF
-  SSI
-  CHIP or MC+ in MO
-  Medicaid
-  Workforce Investment Act
-  Food Stamps
-  Veterans Health Care and Benefits

## OTHER

-  HOME
-  CDBG
-  State Funded Programs
-  City/County Funded Programs
-  Housing Choice Vouchers
-  Public Housing
-  Social Service Block Grant
-  Mental Health Block Grant
-  Substance Abuse Block Grant
-  CSBG
-  HOPWA/Ryan White Funding

# Missouri's Goals

- ✿ Expand access to and use of the federal mainstream support service programs by the chronically homeless.
- ✿ Provide housing for chronically homeless individuals and families that is both affordable and appropriate for the delivery of supportive services and that fosters a transition into permanent supportive housing.
- ✿ Develop and adopt state policies to establish discharge policies that assure appropriate housing and community treatment of institutionalized individuals being released and individuals with disabilities in compliance with Olmstead.
- ✿ Develop evaluation methodology of local planning collaborative model of how integrated housing and homeless service delivery strategies can be implemented at the community level.

# What You Can Do!

- ✦ Read
- ✦ Question
- ✦ Learn
- ✦ Listen
- ✦ Advocate
- ✦ Conferences

✦ **Get involved in your local Continuum of Care process!!**